

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRISHUL MISSILE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to shelve `Trishul anti-missile`, missile programme;
- (b) the number of tests of `Trishul anti-missile` missile conducted so far and expenditure incurred thereon;;
- (c) the reasons for downgrading the Trishul missile project; and
- (d) the reasons for not overcoming the technological problems of `Trishul anti-missile` missile?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE : (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) So far 67 flight tests have been undertaken for Army, Air Force and Naval version including sea-skimming flights. The development costs sanctioned for this project is Rs.260.05 crore and expenditure till 31st March, 2003 is Rs.195.14 crore.

(c) Due to delay in realisation of state-of-art three beam guidance system, it was decided that the project be progressed as Technology Demonstrator, delinking from user Services` operational requirements.

(d) The technological problems have now been overcome and four successful flight tests have been conducted during 22-25th June, 2003.